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Sir:

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Nonprovisional Utility Patent:

___ New Application; or a ___ Continuation, X Division,
___ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior US
application No. 10/147,417 filed on May 16, 2002; of

Inventor: (1) Ryoichi MATSUOKA

For(Title): METHOD AND APPARATUS OF EVALUATING LAYER
MATCHING DEVIATION BASED ON CAD INFORMATION

This transmittal letter has 3 pages.

Enclosed are:

X Enclosed are four sheets of drawings, along with 20 pages
of specification, claims and abstract of the disclosure.

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(1 page)

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X Copy from a prior application (if this is a
Continuation/Division with no new matter)

___ Signed statement deleting named inventor(s) in prior
application if this is a Continuation/Division (See 37 CFR
1.63(d) and 1.33(b)).

___ A certified copy of a _____ (non-US) application
No. _____, having a filing date of _____.

___ An Assignment Transmittal Letter and Assignment of the invention.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under
35 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
___ is enclosed

_____ was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

_____ An information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449.

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X Incorporation by Reference (for Continuation/Division application). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

X Since the present application is based on a prior U.S. application, please amend the specification by adding the following sentence before the first sentence of the specification:

"The present application is based on prior US application Serial No. 10/147,417, filed on May 16, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and priority thereto for common subject matter is hereby claimed."

X Priority of Application No. 2001-160755 filed on May 29, 2001 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. The certified copy

X has not been filed.

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_____ was filed in parent application Serial No.

X The prior application is assigned of record to SEIKO INSTRUMENTS INC.

_____ Cancel in this application pending claims

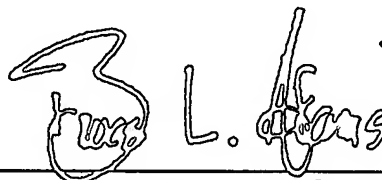
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Re: New patent application of Ryoichi MATSUOKA
for METHOD AND APPARATUS OF EVALUATING LAYER
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comprising transmittal letter, title, specification, claims and abstract of the disclosure (20 pgs.), copy of signed declaration and power of attorney (one page), four sheets of formal drawings containing thereon Figs. 1A-5, express mail certification and check in the amount \$770.00

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